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Crossing a bridge together

Car-free lanes. Granville Street Bridge a candidate for two-lane greenway

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City engineers want to take advantage of extra capacity on the Granville Street Bridge by installing a two-lane greenway for cyclists and pedestrians in the middle of it as early as 2015.

The proposal is subject to further study and consultation as part of the city's draft Transportation 2040 plan, which will be presented to council for approval in October. So far, the greenway is just a concept, but transportation director Jerry Dobrovolny said repurposing the centre of the bridge at some point in the next few years would be an efficient move.

"It's actually quite a practical approach, because the bridge has off-ramps on either side, so doing something on either Howe or Seymour would result in a significant reduction in capacity," he said. "Because the centre of the bridge leads into Granville Street downtown, which has no through traffic for vehicles, and also has a very high pedestrian component, it's actually a good fit."

Speaking at a briefing on the 2040 plan Monday, Dobrovolny said car traffic into downtown has been steadily decreasing over the past two decades, while transit trips have risen 50 per cent in the last decade. Planners are envisioning two-thirds of trips in the city being made by foot, transit or bicycle by 2040 — up from 40 per cent in 2008.

Dobrovolny said Broadway is the city's top priority for rapid transit, and the city will continue to work with TransLink to get a system in place as soon as possible.

"We know that, today, during peak times, over 2,000 people are being left, passed up, at Commercial Drive, wanting to take transit along the Broadway corridor," he said, "and that's just not simply acceptable in terms of the kind of growth that we want to see moving forward."

Culture of activity

- The transportation plan makes no mention of building any more roads, instead focusing on promoting a walking and cycling culture as a way of dealing with congestion and a booming population.

An artist's rendering of a proposed greenway on the Granville Street Bridge depicts a wide, tree-lined promenade shared by cyclists and pedestrians. CITY OF VANCOUVER

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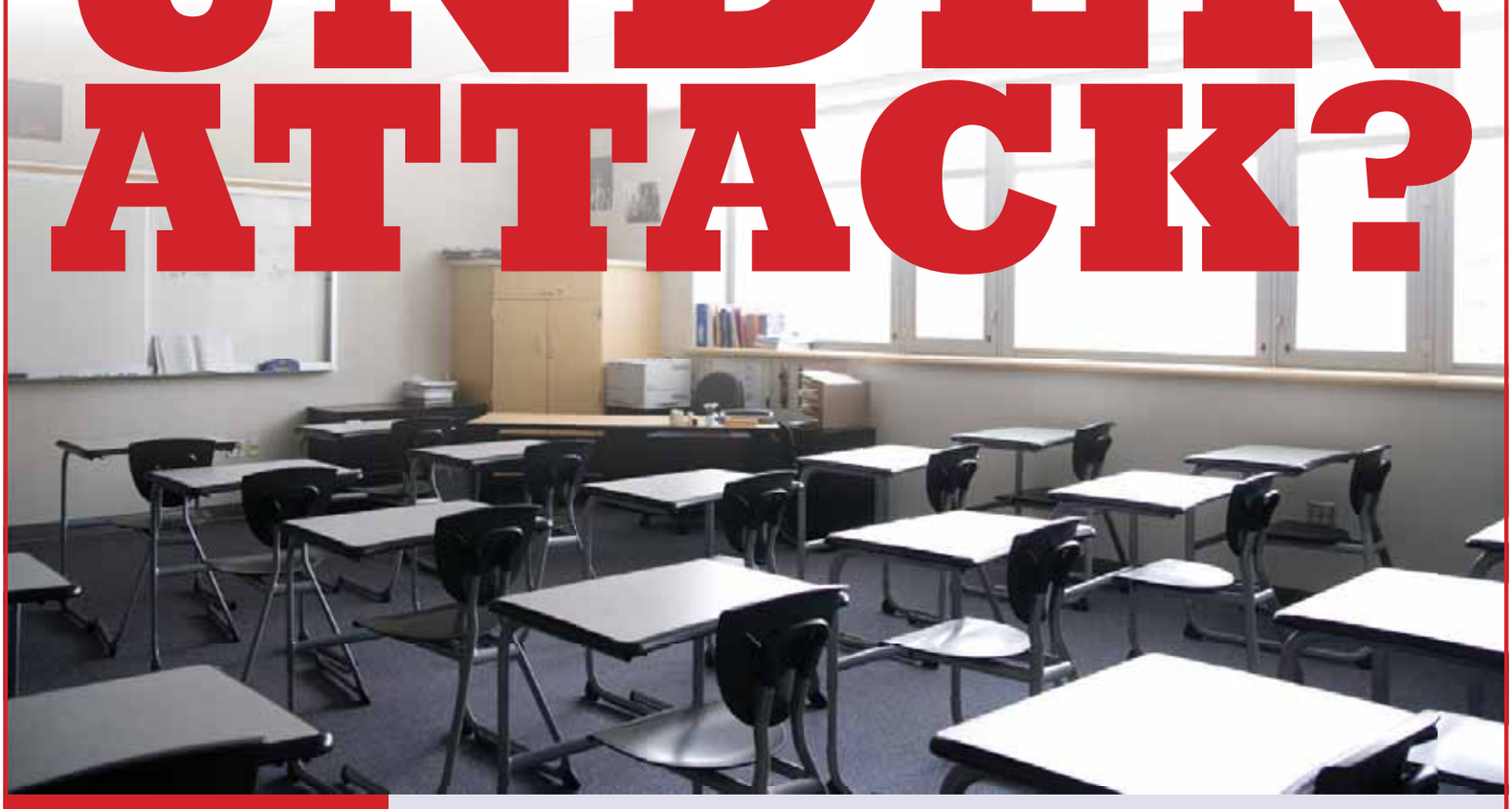

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UBC school of medicine

Residency spots should not be sold for profit: Doctor

An organization representing internationally trained Canadian doctors is appealing to the University of British Columbia to stop offering for-profit residency positions to foreign medical students.

"It's a good question whether these publicly funded institutions should be in the process of essentially selling educational capacity while there are Canadians that are being denied access to that system," said Dr. Andrew Thompson, president of the Society for Canadians Studying Medicine Abroad.

The organization estimates 80 to 100 British Columbians graduate from overseas medical schools each year and many hope to return home.

The UBC school of medicine accepted 11 new and 32 returning visa residents from foreign countries in 2011 and collected $75,000 per resident, totalling more than $3.2 million.

In a statement, UBC said the "majority of returning visa residents were in senior-level sub-specialty positions, and most in sub-specialties, which are not attractive to Canadian medical graduates because of limited job opportunities."

NDP health critic Mike Farnworth said: "Our priority should not be creating spaces for people who are training in sub-specialties that we just don't use here in B.C. and therefore aren't providing any service to the province."

According to data from the Canadian Post-MD Education Registry, approximately 33 per cent of Canada's 2,028 visa residents are from Saudi Arabia.

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Gloria Taylor, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease, smiles during a press conference Monday and speaks about being granted the right to a physician-assisted suicide by a B.C. judge. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

'We have emerged from the Dark Ages'

Landmark ruling. West Kelowna woman with Lou Gehrig's disease speaks publicly after being granted the right to a physician-assisted suicide

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Gloria Taylor says she's happy that she can now have the option to "die with dignity," but she still hopes to live a long life.

The 64-year-old West Kelowna woman, who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease, spoke publicly for the first time Monday since her landmark B.C. Supreme Court case that saw laws banning doctor-assisted suicide in this country deemed unconstitutional and discriminatory.

"It took a long time, and now, finally, we have emerged from the Dark Ages to realize that dying is a part of living," Taylor said.

Justice Lynn Smith suspended her ruling for one year to allow Parliament time to make its next move, but granted an exemption that allows Taylor to seek doctor-assisted death during that period.

People "want to die peacefully," Taylor said, "not screaming in pain and not with the government in their bedroom."

Taylor said her condition has deteriorated to the point where she is losing her voice, needs a feeding tube, and is restricted to her wheelchair, but she's made no decisions on when she will contact a doctor, and is living her life "one day at a time."

"I'm not there yet," she said. "I'm still here living, and I hope for a long time. When it's time, it's God's will, not mine, and I'll leave it at that."

Taylor said she is just "keeping the faith" that the federal government does not appeal the ruling.

Meanwhile, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement Monday expressing its dismay at the ruling and declared that humans are stewards, not owners, of God's gift of life.

"Do we show concern for the sick, the elderly, the handicapped and vulnerable by encouraging them to commit suicide or through deliberating killing them by euthanasia?" wrote president Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton.

"Or, instead, do we fashion a culture of life and love in which each person, at every moment and in all circumstances of their natural lifespan, is treasured as a gift?"

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River rising. Prince George declares second flooding emergency

The City of Prince George has declared another state of emergency and issued evacuation orders for 18 homes because of rising river levels.

It took the action for the second time this month after the B.C. River Forecast Centre announced flood warnings for the Fraser River.

The centre says the river's level is expected to hit between 10.3 and 10.8 metres by tomorrow afternoon, the highest level since 1972 when the river reached 10.4 metres.

City spokeswoman Chris Bone says 17 of the homes are along one street.

She says the city is also installing more temporary dikes in the area, and an emergency operations centre has been set up at city hall.

The city issued evacuation orders to the same 17 homes on June 7 over flooding fears. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Protest. Chief seeks injunction to remove blockade at treaty office

Tla'amin First Nation Chief Clint Williams says a court injunction application is in the works to remove a protest blockade at a treaty office near Powell River.

Aboriginal protesters from the First Nation also known as Sliammon are upset with a proposed treaty. On the weekend they used vehicles to prevent fellow band members from voting on a land-claims treaty with the provincial and federal governments.

Williams says the blockade is still up at the Salish Centre and about a half-dozen people at the treaty office and a development corporation can't go to work.

Powell River RCMP Staff Sgt. Andy Brinton says the Mounties are meeting with both sides to ensure the dispute remains peaceful, but so far, the blockade remains, barring court orders. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Going once ...

Better luck next year for Vernon auctioneer

A Vernon-area livestock auctioneer is a fast talker — but not fast enough. Rod Burnett won a contest at last year's Calgary Stampede, qualifying him for a spot in the world livestock auctioneer championship in Hilmar, Calif. The event was held over the weekend but Burnett didn't make the finals. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Power outage

Kite starts fire in West Kelowna

An out-of-control kite is blamed for sparking a grass fire in West Kelowna on Sunday. Fire officials say the parachute-style kite broke one of its tethers and flopped across a power line, creating a shower of sparks that ignited the grass. Crews put out the blaze, but it took several hours to restore power to some 2,300 homes nearby. No one was hurt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan and Telus CEO Darren Entwhistle announce McLachlan's Voices in the Park concert lineup on Monday in Stanley Park. Performers at the Sept. 15 event include Stevie Nicks, Jann Arden and the Boom Booms. DANIEL PALMER/FOR METRO

Bill Clinton bringing his horn to park concert

Voices in the Park. Outdoor pop festival a benefit for the Sarah McLachlan School of Music

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Stanley Park will again play host to a huge outdoor music festival featuring the likes of Hedley, Stevie Nicks and even former U.S. president Bill Clinton.

Voices in the Park takes place on Sept. 15 at Brockton Fields in Stanley Park, with net proceeds going to the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

"Creating the Sarah McLachlan School of Music has been one of my ways of thanking the universe," McLachlan said on Monday. "I want to give as many kids as I can the chance to know how it feels to find their voice through music."

Now in its 10th year, the non-profit school offers free music classes to inner-city youth in grades 4 to 12, and has the capacity to train 600 to 700 students.

"We've just finished up our 10th year with 280 kids," McLachlan said.

The festival lineup includes performances by McLachlan, Stevie Nicks, Jann Arden, Hedley, the Boom Booms and Chin Injeti, with more artists to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

McLachlan also revealed former U.S. president and "longtime friend" Bill Clinton will be there.

"I told (Clinton) if he showed up, he had to bring his horn," McLachlan said.

The school relies on private donors but has been funded primarily by McLachlan. To meet her expansion plans of 20 per cent to 30 per cent next year, she hopes to raise at least $1 million with Voices in the Park.

"I really wanted to have a proven entity, something that was a real success, a really strong model before I took it out into the world," she said.

The Parks Board hopes the event will be similar to the 2011 Summer Live series when most attendees walked and biked to Brockton Point.

Voices in the Park

- General-admission tickets are $85, with a limited number of $10 tickets for children 12 and under.

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Nerves abound at TransLink's So You Think You Can Busk auditions

Next stop, music.
Transit authority only issues about 42 licences at a time, with 11 open to newcomers this year

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Three judges were all that stood between backup instrumentalist Bob Raymond and his dream of becoming a one-man band at TransLink's So You Think You Can Busk auditions Monday.

The retired Telus technician was a bundle of nerves as he humbly introduced himself and played a nostalgic rendition of Redwing, first on his fiddle, then with vocals, before switching seamlessly mid-song to strumming a mandolin.

"This is my first time up there by myself," the aspiring soloist admitted afterward, explaining he has always played with a band in Chilliwack called Work in Progress.

"It got better as it went along, but I don't think my chords were matching my playing, so I had that concern, and I was supposed to sing a second verse, and I was nervous that I'd flub the words, so I just did a couple more times with the fiddle."

All nerves aside, he certainly brought smiles to the judges' faces.

The transit authority only issues about 42 licences at a time, and 11 are open to newcomers this year as the rest have been renewed.

Raymond said getting one of them would be a big checkmark on his bucket list.

"Another notch on my belt, that's what it is," he said. "I played backup in a musical, so that was a notch; I did performances with the group back at Expo ('86), so that's another notch; and it's just notches on my belt, like the gunslinger there."

TransLink spokesman Drew Snider said some buskers can make $300 to $400 a week, even more if they manage to make CD sales. He said they are chosen based on their potential to improve the commuter experience at busy transit hubs.

"It doesn't matter what style it is as long as it's going to lift you up and make you feel a bit better," he said.

The winners of the 11 licences are expected to be announced Tuesday or Wednesday.

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Anton Sitnikov plays Spanish guitar during TransLink's So You Think You Can Busk auditions on Monday.
KATE WEBB/METRO

B.C. attorney general wins right to keep her job

A British Columbia judge has rejected a bizarre petition that claimed the province's attorney general isn't fit to serve in her cabinet post because she's not a lawyer.

Lesslie Askin filed a petition in B.C. Supreme Court, arguing Attorney General Shirley Bond's appointment to cabinet last year was invalid because she's not, nor has she ever been, a practising member of the Law Society of British Columbia.

Askin first complained to the law society, which governs the legal profession in the province. When that failed, she turned to the court, which rejected the case after a hearing earlier this month.

"The relevant statutory provisions ... do not require the attorney general to be a practising member of the law society," Judge Sunni Stromberg-Stein wrote in a decision posted to the court's website on Monday.

Background

- Attorney General Shirley Bond has never been a lawyer.
- She served on the Prince George School Board before she was elected to the legislature as a Liberal in 2001.

"The petitioner has obviously put a lot of time and effort into her submissions to this court on a topic she is obviously passionate about. However, in my view, her petition is devoid of merit."

Bond was appointed acting attorney general last year after the resignation of Barry Penner. At the time, she was already solicitor general.

That appointment was confirmed in February of this year, when she was named justice minister and attorney general.

Askin sent a letter to the law society in January, arguing that because Bond wasn't a lawyer, she was violating rules that say only practising members of the law society are allowed to practise law.

The law society asked outside counsel to review the matter. A month later, the society told Askin that no laws prohibit non-lawyers from serving as attorney general. The society also said it did not have jurisdiction to further investigate the complaint.

Askin reacted by filing a petition with the court, asking that Bond be forced to step aside and that the matter be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Stromberg-Stein said Askin provided a "shopping list" of supposed charter violations, but none had merit.

The judge added other former attorneys general have been non-lawyers.

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Crown Mountain. Hiker shatters leg but survives 200-metre backcountry fall

A hiker has survived a 200-metre fall on a snowfield in the rugged backcountry north of Vancouver.

The man, in his 40s, was with a group of three others on Crown Mountain, one of Vancouver's North Shore peaks, when he fell early Sunday afternoon. North Shore Rescue spokesman Tim Jones says the man slipped while crossing the steep snowfield and tumbled into a gully, shattering his femur and lower leg.

The accident happened at about 2 p.m. and Jones says crews raced an incoming storm to reach the man by helicopter.

He says a two-person rescue team stabilized the victim and a brief, 10-minute respite in the weather allowed the helicopter to return and lift him to safety.

The man was hypothermic by the time he was taken off the mountain, but Jones says he is now recovering in Vancouver General Hospital.

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Flooding threat

Chilliwack issues evacuation alert

The City of Chilliwack issued an evacuation alert Monday for residents living on properties outside the city's dyke system.

The alert was issued in response to heavy rainfall in the Upper Fraser and Thompson Rivers and water levels are expected to peak by Friday or Saturday and be in the range of 6.5 or seven metres at the Mission gauge. The alert means that residents in the area should be prepared to leave home on very short notice. Inside the dyke, the impacts will be limited. METRO

Budgetary issue

NDP wants details on St. Paul's funds

The NDP finance and health critics have written to Finance Minister Kevin Falcon looking for clarification into the $500 million promised by the premier last week for St. Paul's Hospital. At a press conference last week, Premier Christy Clark said the half billion earmarked for the revitalization was in the 2012 budget.

But in their letter, the New Democrats say no mention is made of capital spending on the hospital in the government's budget and fiscal plan for the next three years. METRO

Hope. Hang-glider pilot who died in crash identified

A Hope man injured in a hang-gliding crash last week has died, the B.C. Coroners Service says. Last Monday, 38-year-old Richard Wood was flying his glider from Cooper's Launch near Lumby when he crashed during landing.

Wood suffered critical injuries and was airlifted to Kelowna General Hospital, where he died Friday, a news release from the coroners' service says.

He is the third person to perish in a gliding accident in the province in recent weeks. In late April, Lenami Godinez-Avila died after falling from a glider mid-flight, and on June 7, Barry Kleiter perished in a powered para-glider accident. The coroners' service said all three deaths are still under investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Island

Helicopter rescues injured hiker

Low, thick cloud and heavy rain could not stop an air-force rescue helicopter from reaching an injured hiker on the Juan de Fuca trail, along the west coast of Vancouver Island, northwest of Victoria.

Paramedics and members of the Cowichan Ground Search and Rescue were called Monday evening to help the hiker when he injured his leg after slipping off the rugged trail.

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Health care

Doctors rally to protest coverage cuts for refugees

Health professionals in Vancouver rallied Monday afternoon to protest cuts to medical coverage for refugees and refugee claimants.

The doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists and other health-care workers joined colleagues across the country, angry that temporary federal health coverage is being withdrawn to some refugees from so-called "designated countries of origin."

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Canadian athletes pose for a group photo Monday during a send-off celebration for athletes and coaches set to compete in the London 2012 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Local swimmer set to make a splash at London Olympics

Competitive spirit. UBC grad Scott Dickens is making up for the chance he didn't get at the Beijing Games

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After eight years, Vancouver swimmer Scott Dickens finally gets his chance at redemption.

The 27-year-old UBC grad and Ancaster, Ont., native shockingly failed to qualify for the 2008 Beijing Olympics, but will be making his Olympic return this summer in London.

"I want to go to London and represent my country and stand on that podium," Dickens said.

In March, Dickens — who competed in the 2004 Athens Olympics and finished 19th overall in the 100-metre breaststroke competition — qualified for London in the 100- and 200-metre breaststroke and medley relay.

Dickens, along with the Canadian women's national soccer team and members of the wheelchair rugby team, gathered Monday at a celebration in Vancouver to send off Olympic and Paralympic athletes and coaches for the Summer Games.

Dickens said one of the biggest things that got him back into the sport was the support he got from his old elementary school, Ancaster Meadow, which had supported him in an Adopt an Athlete program.

"I was scheduled to meet with (the students) after the trials in 2008 and I had to go face them and tell them I wasn't going (to Beijing)," he said. "When I walked into the gym for the assembly a week after the trials there was this huge 'Never give up' banner.

"I completely broke down in tears. To have that support when you're at your lowest really helped ignite the fire," he added. "I knew I wanted to go to London, it just took a bit of time to regain the passion and focus."

Canadian Sport Centre Pacific CEO Wendy Pattenden said B.C. is home to a large contingent of the country's medal hopefuls, representing more than 40 per cent of the Canadian team.

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"I knew I wanted to go to London, it just took a bit of time to regain the passion and focus."

Scott Dickens, who will be swimming for Canada at the Olympics

Man allegedly tried to burn down RCMP detachment

A 43-year-old man has been arrested after allegedly attempting to throw a Molotov cocktail through the window of the RCMP detachment in the Southern Okanagan.

Just after midnight on Monday morning, a Mountie in the small border community of Midway heard a loud noise and saw flash of light as a flaming bottle smashed into the window of his detachment.

The constable looked outside and saw a man pick the bottle off the ground and throw it at the back of a parked cruiser. The bottle broke, causing a small fire on the surface of the car.

The man jumped into a running vehicle and took off. The constable recorded the vehicle's licence plate before putting out the fire. Damage to the car and the building was minor.

A 43-year-old man from Grand Forks was arrested later Monday morning and is in custody. METRO

BC Ferries sees lowest ridership in decades

Fiscal trouble. Overall loss of $16.5M for 2012 a dramatic decline from last year's $3.8M net earnings

ELIZABETH HAMES
Metro in Victoria

BC Ferries experienced its lowest ridership in decades last year, according to its year-end report.

A $10.5-million increase in operating expenses coupled with a $1.1-million decline in ticket sales contributed to an overall loss of $16.5 million in the 2012 fiscal year.

It's a dramatic decline compared to last-year's net earnings of $3.8 million.

In the report issued Friday, the ferry operator laid part of the blame on decreased vehicle and passenger traffic, which is the lowest it has been in 13 and 21 years respectively.

If there's no further reduction in ridership, BC Ferries expects another year in the red in 2013 followed by a profitable 2014.

The decline comes after the provincial government committed $79.5 million over five years to help reduce price gaps.

Ferry fares have been a point of contention between riders and those who operate them over the years. Particularly in the Gulf Islands, where many residents rely on the ferry system to take them to Vancouver Island to do their grocery shopping, attend doctor's appointments or participate in recreational programs.

Rising ticket prices have spurred protests and, most recently, the resignation of CEO David Hahn. His million-dollar salary outraged riders as BC Ferries cut services and raised prices.

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A ferry leaves the Tsawwassen terminal. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

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Man with no legs makes climb up Mount Kilimanjaro

Redefine possible.
Spencer West scales Africa's tallest and most famous mountain to raise more than $500,000 for Free the Children

ELISHA DACEY
Metro in Winnipeg

An American man who challenged tens of thousands of Canadian teens to redefine the possible last year has done the same thing for himself.

Spencer West, who lost both his legs due to a genetic disorder when he was five and walks using his hands, reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on Monday.

"It's dark right now, but the view was spectacular," said West, speaking to Metro from the top of the mountain by satellite phone.

"We're exhausted right now and I'm sure once we're rested, I'll be able to talk about things in a more inspiring way," he joked.

West is a motivational speaker with Me to We, part of the organization Free the Children, a Canadian charity that fights for the rights of children around the world.

Seven-day climb

West has helped raise more than $500,000 for Free the Children during the climb. It will take about two days to get back base camp.

- He spent 80 per cent of the climb walking on his hands, and the rest in his chair or strapped to a team member's back.

Spencer West leads the expedition on Mount Kilimanjaro on Day 6. METRO/FREE THE CHILDREN

Winnipeg

Several people injured by bear spray

Several people, including a baby, needed medical attention after bear spray went off in a tent at the Red River Exhibition in Winnipeg on the weekend.

Police say the five-month-old infant and a dozen others were hit with the spray while inside a first-aid tent on Sunday.

No one was seriously injured.

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Beef imports

Ottawa drops challenge to South Korea ban

Ottawa is dropping its trade challenge to South Korea's ban on Canadian beef imports.

Trade Minister Ed Fast said Monday he has instructed officials to drop the challenge at the World Trade Organization because Korea restored access in January.

South Korea banned imports of Canadian beef after the 2003 outbreak of mad-cow disease.

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Construction industry like cartel, inquiry told

A star witness at Quebec's corruption inquiry has begun delivering a long-awaited list of names as he testifies about a construction industry rotten with wrongdoing.

In his third day on the witness stand Monday, Jacques Duchesneau described an industry that operated like a cartel when it came to public works — fixing prices, driving up costs and squeezing out honest competitors.

Such collusion was made easier, he said, by an overworked, underqualified civil service that failed to scrutinize the industry.

The main themes of Monday's testimony had already been laid out in the devastating report that Duchesneau wrote last year, then leaked to the media, which was the final straw that broke the Charest government's resistance and forced it to call an inquiry.

What that report did not contain was company names. Duschesneau finally began revealing them Monday, in his latest day of testimony.

Duchesneau, a former Montreal police chief who worked for the provincial anti-collusion squad, said his investigating team opened 138 files and sent police 17 that it thought might warrant criminal investigations.

He said two companies controlled the asphalt market in parts of Quebec — DJL and Sintra, both subsidiaries of different French construction giants.

In some parts of Quebec, Duchesneau said, firms that wanted to bid on asphalt contracts couldn't even get a price quote for raw materials, because certain companies not only controlled access to the materials but were also bidding on contracts.

Duchesneau described another pattern that kept emerging: Companies would win construction contracts with impossibly low bids, then, over time, would drive up the final price tag through all sorts of contract clauses.

In the world of Quebec public-works contracts, Duchesneau explained, such costly errors long went unpunished. A severe shortage of competent engineers at Quebec's Transport Department has left it ill-equipped to detect and prevent corruption, he said.

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Armoured-car robbery.
Suspected triple-murderer co-operating, police say

Triple-murder suspect Travis Baumgartner could be back in Edmonton as soon as Wednesday, as investigators have wrapped up initial interviews with him in Langley, B.C.

"I can tell you that Travis Baumgartner is co-operating with our investigators and, based on this, we're completing numerous investigative tasks," Edmonton police Supt. Bob Hassel told media on Monday.

Baumgartner, 21, was detained Saturday while attempting to cross into the U.S. with approximately $330,000.

He faces charges in an armed robbery at the University of Alberta's Hub Mall Friday that left three armoured-car guards dead and one in critical condition. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO IN EDMONTON

Travis Baumgartner in the custody of Canadian Border Services. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Omnibus

Tory budget implementation bill passes Commons

The Conservative majority has passed the government's sprawling budget implementation bill following a final evening of debate.

The vote in the House of Commons sends the 400-plus-page piece of legislation on to the Conservative-dominated Senate, where it will become law before the end of the week. The bill has been variously described by its detractors as a "Trojan horse" and a "kitchen sink" due to its massive grab-bag of measures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged killer Magnotta returns to face justice

Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on Monday in Mirabel, Que. Magnotta returned to Canada via military transport from Germany. MONTREAL POLICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Body-parts case.
Suspect arrives in Quebec, where he's expected to be charged with first-degree murder

Luka Rocco Magnotta, the lone suspect in a brutal Montreal killing that made headlines around the world, is back home to face justice on Canadian soil.

Magnotta landed aboard a military plane that took off from Germany, where the 29-year-old was arrested earlier this month following an international manhunt, and he arrived at Mirabel airport near Montreal just before 7 p.m. Monday.

He arrived under a wall of security.

A convoy of emergency vehicles, with flashing lights, rolled out to meet Magnotta. A half-dozen men escorted him down the stairs off the plane, onto the tarmac, and into a minivan in the convoy. Standing nearby were armed guards, at least one carrying an assault weapon.

Magnotta was being restrained on the plane, federal sources said. His fellow passengers on the military transport aircraft included officials and law enforcement from Canada and Germany, those sources added.

Magnotta is expected to face numerous criminal charges, including first-degree murder. He could face a judge as early as Tuesday.

Magnotta was arrested in a Berlin Internet café after Montreal police issued a warrant for his alleged connection to last month's killing and dismemberment of Montreal university student Jun Lin. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Court appearance

The Quebec prosecutor's office said Magnotta would likely have to appear in court within 24 hours, in keeping with Article 503 of the Criminal Code.

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Fake acquisition

Chinese trader fabricates bank

Chinese trader Lin Chunping has taken fakery to a whole new level: He invented a U.S. bank and claimed he bought it.

The little-known businessman shot to fame in January when state media reported that he had taken over Delaware-based Atlantic Bank. The unprecedented acquisition brought him praise: His hometown gave him a prestigious political appointment and state media called his business experience "legendary."

Not only did he not buy Atlantic Bank in Delaware for $60 million US as he claimed, but there is no Atlantic Bank in that state.

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Artifact

Aboriginal art among oldest found in Australia

An archeologist says he found the oldest piece of rock art in Australia and one of the oldest in the world: an Aboriginal work created 28,000 years ago.

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Ancient Aboriginal rock art found in Australia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina zoo

Bull elephant prescribed giant contact lenses

After C'sar the bull elephant lost weight, grew depressed and underwent surgery because of eye trouble, his keepers at a North Carolina zoo began to consider a pioneering move in pachyderm medicine: giving him a set of king-size contact lenses.

Officials at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro and the North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine are weighing whether the risks are worth it. C'sar's caregivers said an elephant has never been fitted with corrective lenses.

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Mr. Ugly misses out on modelling

Dubious honour. Zimbabwe man beat out four other ugly men to land title, $100 and a night at a hotel — which he exchanged for food money

William Masvinu, winner of the Mr. Ugly competition in Zimbabwe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The latest winner of Zimbabwe's Mr. Ugly pageant has ambitions of fame and fortune. But, so far, he remains a simple market porter.

William Masvinu, 38, who won the second edition of the pageant last month, makes his living carrying loads for shoppers in a market in the impoverished western Harare township of Mbare. The victory has made him a local celebrity, but the modelling offers he thought he'd be getting aren't yet pouring in.

"I was expecting to do some adverts and some modelling if I was asked. But I'm still poor, still carrying loads of cabbages onto buses," he said. "I am ready to show the world my gift. Being ugly is not a curse. It's a gift God gave me and I'm proud of it. My face makes me special and I am not making any excuses about it."

Organizers say they started the pageant as a novel way to entertain audiences.

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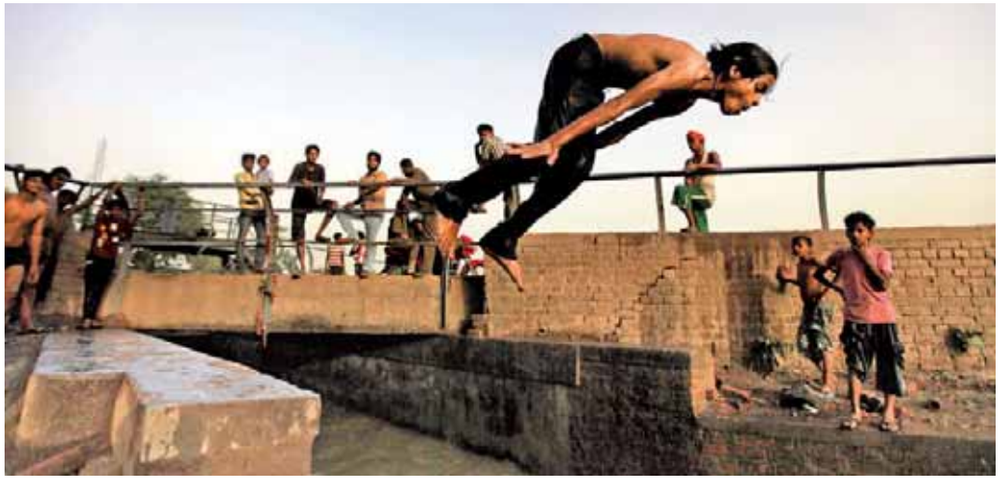

Sweet relief from the scorching heat

An boy jumps into a water canal to cool off in Amritsar, India, Monday. Light rain in most parts of the northern region provided much relief to people from the scorching heat. ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan. Pudgy police told to tone up or get out

Pudgy Pakistani police officers have been given until the end of the month to shrink their waistlines below 38 inches. Punjab police spokeswoman Nabila Ghazanfar said the province's police chief was determined to "turn the force into a fit one." She declined to comment on a report that said 77 per cent of the police in Rawalpindi had girths bigger than 38 inches around.

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Thailand. Topless art stirs morality debate

An episode of "Thailand's Got Talent" has stirred a morality debate after a contestant painted a canvas using her bare breasts, drawing a rebuke from the culture minister, who called it shocking.

Minister Sukumol Kunplome summoned the show's producers Monday, saying that nudity on public television is not considered appropriate in Thai society.

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Media and devil fuelling Vatileaks scandal: Cardinal

Holy See. Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone critical of journalism on leaked documents

The Vatican's No. 2 official on Monday blamed the media — and the devil — for fueling the scandal over leaked Vatican documents.

Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone told an Italian Catholic weekly that journalists reporting on the leaks scandal are "pretending to be Dan Brown ... inventing stories and replaying legends." The reference to Brown is particularly acute; Brown wrote The Da Vinci Code and Angels and Demons the bestselling fictional accounts of power struggles and scandals inside the Catholic Church.

The Vatican has been on the defensive ever since sensitive documents alleging corruption and exposing power struggles began appearing in the Italian media in January. A recent book containing dozens of documents from Pope Benedict XVI's own desk has compounded what many see as a plot to undermine Bertone's authority.

Several top Vatican officials have castigated the media for fueling the scandal, and to be sure Italian newspapers in particular have been on a feeding frenzy reporting details of the Vatican's investigation into the leaks that the Vatican spokesman routinely shoots down.

Pope Benedict XVI himself has complained about media reports that "went well beyond the facts, offering an image of the Holy See that doesn't correspond to reality."

But Bertone's interview with Famiglia Cristiana took the complaints to a new level, blasting the "vehemence" of some Italian newspapers in seeking to create divisions between the pope and his collaborators where there weren't any.

"The truth is that there's a will to create division that comes from the devil," he said. The interview is due on newsstands Thursday but was made available to journalists Monday.

Bertone admitted the Holy See isn't perfect and that "none of us wants to hide the church's shadows and defects." But he said the Italian media in particular had gone too far, violating the privacy rights of both the pope and the people who correspond with him by publishing leaked documents.

Contrary to media reports depicting factions opposed to him within the Vatican bureaucracy, Bertone said he enjoys "an extraordinary climate of communion" with his colleagues. "Personally, I don't sense any sign of cardinals or church personalities being involved in any conquest of some phantom power," he said.

So far only one person has been arrested in the case: the pope's butler, Paolo Gabriele, a 46-year-old father of three who was arrested May 23 and accused of aggravated theft after reams of papal documents were found in his Vatican City apartment.

Devil's work

"The truth is that there's a will to create division that comes from the devil."
Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone

Leaks scandal

The leaks scandal broke in January when Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi revealed letters from a former top Vatican administrator who begged the Pope not to transfer him for having exposed alleged corruption that cost the Holy See millions of euros in higher contract prices. The prelate was transferred and is now the Vatican's U.S. ambassador.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said Monday that a commission of cardinals investigating the leaks scandal had so far interrogated 23 people, including Gabriele as well as other lay and clergy, Vatican superiors and employees. The commission members reported back to the pope on Saturday about their investigation and are continuing their work.

Gabriele continues to be held inside the Vatican police barracks accused of aggravated theft, though he was allowed out on Sunday as usual to attend Mass with his family.

The attempt by the Vatican to blame the media for the leaks is to some degrees a repeat of 2010, when several Vatican officials blamed journalists for fueling the sex abuse scandal that had re-ignited that year. Thousands of people came forward, mostly in Europe, with reports that priests had raped and molested them when they were children. Eventually, Benedict himself put the blame-game to rest when he admitted that the abuse was "born from the sins within the church," not from the media. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters demand Nepal's PM step down

Supporters from the opposition Nepali Congress party shout slogans during a protest in Katmandu, Nepal, Monday. Hundreds of protesters demanded the resignation of Nepal's prime minister, attacked his motorcade with stones and clashed with riot police. Opposition parties want the PM to step down so a new government can conduct elections later this year. BINOD JOSHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man beheads daughter: Police

Police say a man upset over his daughter's lifestyle chopped her head off with a sword and then paraded it through his village before surrendering to authorities in western India.

Marble miner Ogad Singh's 20-year-old daughter had been living with her parents in the Rajasthani village of Dungarji after leaving her husband two years ago.

Police superintendent Umesh Ojha says Singh was upset by his daughter having affairs with men, and became enraged when she eloped with one of them two weeks ago.

Ojha says Singh forced her to return home Sunday, and beheaded her Monday with a sword.

Rapidly modernizing India faces increasing social clashes as youths resist traditions like arranged marriage or limits on women venturing outside their parents' or husbands' homes.
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Ottawa rebukes UN over Quebec's Bill 78

Protests. Conservatives defend right to legislate

The Charest Liberals and Harper Conservatives formed a united front Monday in condemning a United Nations agency for its criticism of Quebec's controversial Bill 78.

The latest spat, the second in recent weeks between the federal government and a branch of the UN, also sparked debate over who is responsible for the growing divide between Canada and the world body. United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said Monday she found the controversial Quebec law to be part of an alarming trend.

The law sets rules for gatherings of more than 50 people, requiring organizers to provide eight hours' notice of the itinerary and length of the event.

"I am disappointed by the new legislation passed in Quebec that restricts their rights to freedom of association and of peaceful assembly," Pillay said.

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Canada's loss

- The NDP's foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said Monday the latest clash between the Tories and the UN was part of a "dangerous trajectory" that dates back to Canada's historic failure to win a temporary two-year term on the powerful security council two years ago.

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Ex-suspect sues over travel insurance claim

$3.5M. Man held for months in Aruban jail after travelling companion vanished says AMEX has 'duty' to pay death benefit

Robyn Gardner, left, and Gary Giordano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American who was suspected in the presumed death of his travelling companion in Aruba is suing to collect on a travel-insurance policy issued in the woman's name.

Gary Giordano says in a lawsuit that AMEX Assurance Company is required to pay him $3.5 million under the terms of a policy purchased before last summer's trip. He says in the suit that his companion, Robyn Gardner, is presumed dead following her Aug. 2 disappearance and that the insurance company has a "duty to pay the full death benefit" to him.

Giordano was held for months in an Aruban jail on suspicion of being involved in Gardner's disappearance, and the insurance policy's existence had caught the attention of investigators. But an Aruban judge ordered him released in November, saying prosecutors didn't have enough evidence to continue holding him. Giordano has denied wrongdoing and says Gardner was swept out to sea as the two snorkelled, though her friends and family have expressed doubt about that statement.

He says in the lawsuit that Gardner was covered under a July 27 policy that afforded $3.5 million in benefits in the event of accidental death or dismemberment. Giordano said the lawsuit speaks for itself and declined further comment.

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Typhoon hits Philippines

A boy pedals his bicycle along a flooded street in suburban Malabon, north of Manila on Monday. Heavy rains triggered floods in several areas in the city, forcing some schools to suspend classes in the morning as powerful typhoon Guchol exited the country towards southern Japan. AARON FAVILA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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StatsCan. Despite economic growth, family incomes remain stagnant: Report

The growing economy hasn't done very much to boost Canadian incomes, a new report from Statistics Canada confirms.

The agency reported Monday that median, after-tax income for families of two or more amounted to $65,500 in 2010, virtually unchanged from 2009 or the year before after adjusting for inflation.

The result was slightly better for two-parent families with children. That segment saw median, after-tax income grow to $78,800 from $77,200 the year before.

There was no data from 2011, but weekly wages and other income reports suggest that there would likely be little improvement last year as well, analysts said.

The latest reading follows a report last week that showed average household debt in relation to disposable income had risen to a record 152 per cent at the end of 2011.

Statistics Canada noted that the rise in the debt ratio was not due to Canadians borrowing more, but to stagnant incomes.

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Negative outlook

"Something is not working here — this is not a positive report."

Economist Benjamin Tal

Market Minute

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Microsoft unveils new 'Surface' tablet computer

Competitive edge. Decision to make its own tablet a departure for the company, which usually focuses on software

Microsoft's Panos Panay holds a credit card to compare the thickness of the case for the new Surface tablet computer on Monday. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microsoft has unveiled Surface, a tablet computer to compete with Apple's iPad.

CEO Steve Ballmer was on hand to announce the new tablet, calling it part of a "whole new family of devices" the company is developing.

One version of the device, which won't go on sale until sometime in the fall, is 9.3 millimetres thick and works on the Windows RT operating system. It comes with a kickstand to hold it upright and a touch keyboard cover that snaps on using magnets.

The device weighs under 1.5 pounds and will cost about as much as other tablet computers. Its debut is set to coincide with the upcoming fall release of Microsoft's much-anticipated Windows 8 operating system.

Steven Sinofsky, president of Microsoft's Windows division, called the device a "tablet that's a great PC — a PC that's a great tablet."

A slightly thicker version — still less than 14 millimetres thick and under two pounds — will work on Microsoft's upcoming Windows 8 Pro operating system and cost as much as an Ultrabook, the company said.

The pro version comes with a stylus that allows users to make handwritten notes on documents such as PDF files.

Microsoft has been making software for tablets since 2002, when it shipped the Windows XP Tablet PC Edition. Many big PC makers produced tablets that ran the software, but they were never big sellers. The tablets were based on PC technology, and were heavy, with short battery lives.

Microsoft didn't say how long the Surface would last on battery power.

Microsoft's decision to make its own tablet is a departure from the software maker's strategy. With personal computers, Microsoft was content to leave the design and marketing of the hardware to other companies that licensed the Windows operating system and other software applications.

The more hands-on approach with its tablet indicates that Microsoft either lacks confidence in the ability of its PC partners to design compelling alternatives to Apple's iPad, or it believes it needs more control to ensure Windows plays a major role in the increasingly important mobile computing market.

Whatever Microsoft's motives, the company's tablet plans risk alienating some of its longtime partners in the PC industry.

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Real estate

Sales of recreation properties up, Re/Max reports

Lower prices, increased selection and a rebound in consumer confidence have helped drive sales of recreational properties higher across the country, real-estate firm Re/Max says.

Re/Max said of the 33 markets included in its report, sales were ahead of last year's mark in 70 per cent of the communities, while six per cent were in line with a year ago.

Starting prices were down in 49 per cent of the markets, while 33 per cent were unchanged.

The remaining saw an increase.

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Marketing deal

AMEX cardholders to skip long lines at Toronto airport

American Express Canada will send its premium cardholders to the front of more security lines at Toronto's Pearson International Airport under a deal that gives the credit card company prime ad space in Canada's busiest air hub.

Platinum cardholders will be able to skip more long security clearance queues by flashing their cards throughout terminals 1 and 3 as part of a marketing partnership announced Monday.

American Express cardholders will also receive complimentary valet services, a 15 per cent parking discount and designated taxi and limo lines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is greeted by Mexican President Felipe Calderon as he arrives at the G20 in Los Cabos, Mexico, on Monday.
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Canada eyes entry in trade talks as G20 summit ends

Making the grade?
Rumours abound that Canada will be allowed to join Trans-Pacific Partnership talks

Mexico's inclusion in a round of major trade talks may bode well for Canada's own hopes of getting a seat at the negotiating table.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper played coy Monday when asked if his government will be asked to pull up a chair — possibly by the summit's end on Tuesday.

"We're delighted that Americans and others have indicated an interest in seeing Canada join the Trans-Pacific Partnership," Harper said. "I think for now I'll just leave it at that."

Rumours and chatter abound at the G20 summit in the Mexican oceanside resort of Los Cabos that Canada will be allowed to join the negotiations on Trans-Pacific Partnership, a deal many believe will have more economic strength than the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The governing Conservatives have been lobbying the Obama administration for months to grant Canada admission to the talks.

Harper even dispatched his trade minister, Ed Fast, around the globe to drum up support for a seat at the table.

The Globe and Mail reported that no less than the prime minister's own chief of staff, former Bay Street executive Nigel Wright, has taken the lead on the file, which the newspaper says irked some members of the Conservative cabinet — although Fast's office says the minister didn't feel slighted — but giving a clear indication of the importance Harper puts on the trade talks.

Some analysts interpreted the inclusion of only Mexico in the negotiations as a rebuke. But it may well be that since Mexico is hosting this week's G20 summit, it would be asked to the talks before Canada or Japan, which has also been vying to get in. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economic crisis

Eurozone struggles to find fixes

Greece's election result has eased fears of imminent financial disaster for Europe, but the continent's leaders are still searching for a way to contain a debt crisis that threatens the global economy.

Europe is struggling to put out several fires, not just the one in Greece. Heavily indebted Spain and Italy are saw their borrowing costs rise Monday, increasing pressure on their government finances and keeping alive fears that another big bailout might be needed.

The eurozone's challenges run deep. The economy is expected to shrink this year, with the so-called peripheral countries like Greece and Spain in painful recession. Many of its banks remain on life support, propped up by emergency credit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I recently went on a holiday to the sun-soaked Greek island of Santorini. We'll call it a working vacation since I was on bridesmaid duty for my best friend's wedding. Needless to say, it was phenomenal. The picturesque surroundings and memorable milestones warranted countless photo opportunities.

While away, I found myself capitalizing on any opportunity for free Wi-Fi so that I could go online to post real-time updates and digital snapshots for my friends and followers back home. Because if you don't record it, upload it, share it and tweet it — did it even really happen? Nobody asked me about my trip when I returned; they had seen it all thanks to my jealousy-inducing stream of Instagram activity.

When I was younger, I used to pore over my mother's photo albums filled with weathered snapshots of her on beaches and in fields looking perfectly dishevelled, dressed in her 1970s hippie garb. The photos are rinsed in sepia tones, the images are grainy, the edges blurred.

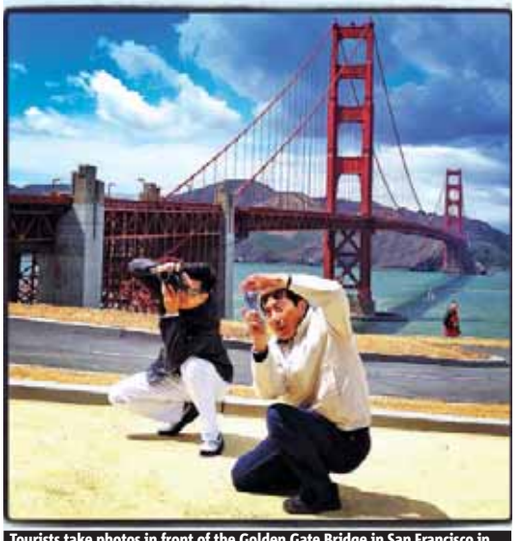
Thanks to apps like Instagram and Hipstamatic, I have thousands of faux-analogue images with those same qualities but without any of the authenticity. Flaws and colour saturations that were once accidental have been applied so meticulously in order to make the perfect imperfect image.

Today, our mundane realities are manipulated, elevated and given a veneer of artistry with a strategically applied "Valencia" filter. For anyone who has ever wanted to experience a false sense of nostalgia for a time before they were even born, there is indeed an app for that.

Outside the smartphone realm, Urban Outfitters has reintroduced Lomography and Holga cameras to the masses, creating an entire cottage industry by selling an idealized retro aesthetic to a new generation of shutterbugs. Except, this time around, those prints aren't treasured keepsakes stored in leather-bound albums; they're digitized, categorized, Tumblred and hashtagged until they become something else entirely.

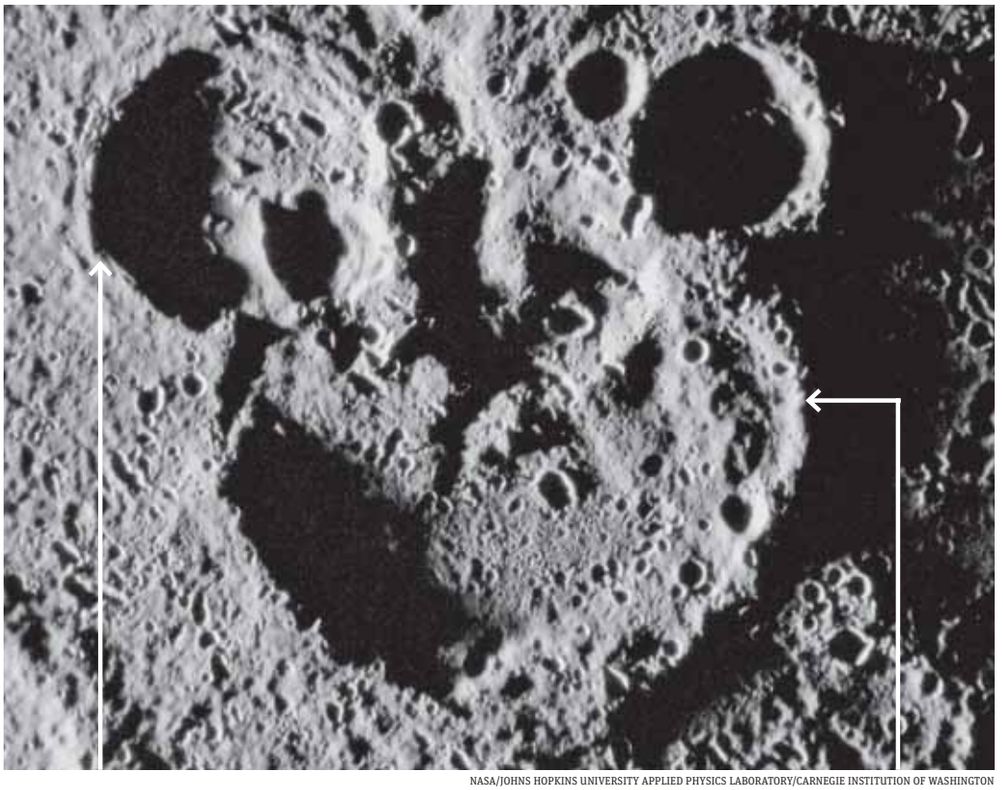
All photographs are inauthentic in a way. By capturing an instant in time, the boundaries of those realities are cropped, the subjects' poses suggesting acute awareness of their being snapped. The very act of taking photographs makes experiences staged and, in turn, less real.

While I delight in the preservation of memories, I believe in the importance of leaving the camera (and the iPhone) at home sometimes, even when you're on vacation. We need to remind ourselves to be fully present in our unfiltered realities, to enjoy the fleetingness of life and to let our memories be all that we take away.



Tourists take photos in front of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco in this file photo. The image was created using the iPhone 4S with Instagram's 'LoFi' filter. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Mercury is sooo Mickey Mouse



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Planetary research

Big celeb found on small planet

It looks like Mickey Mouse has made a big impact on planet Mercury.

But, in truth, the familiar silhouette is a group of craters in Mercury's southern hemisphere.

The image was taken by NASA's Messenger orbiter spacecraft, which is gathering photographic data about the solar system's innermost planet.

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Studying craters

- **NASA's Messenger.** Launched in 2011, the probe has taken more than 100,000 images of craters on Mercury's surfaces. Experts hope craters will tell more about the planet's history.
- **Strange cosmic resemblances.** The 215-kilometre-wide Galle Crater on Mars looks like a gigantic smiley face, while Saturn's moon Mimas has an uncanny resemblance to the Death Star from Star Wars lore.

'The happy face crater' on Mars' surface, officially known as the Galle Crater. MALIN SPACE SCIENCE SYSTEMS/NASA

Size of this Mickey

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The approximate diameter of the "face" (large, middle crater) of this Mickey Mouse likeness.

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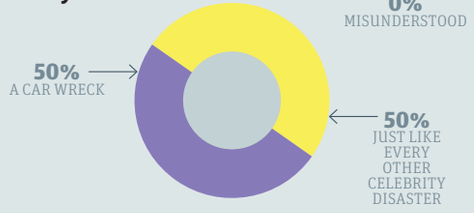

Twitter

@JodieEmery: If workplace drug testing detected use of legal pills, booze, tobacco, caffeine (all drugs), no one would be allowed to work anywhere.

@nathancullen: Really? Peter Kent says Canada is committed to phasing out fossil fuels This after he voted in favour of pulling out of Kyoto last week.

@strombone1: Gigi Buffon looks like he has a belly ache singing the Italian national anthem #EURO2012

@FionaForbes: Ireland vs. Italy - too much hotness for one match! Erin Go Bragh - Viva Italia!

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DVD reviews

Big Miracle

Director. Ken Kwapis

Stars. Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski, Kristen Bell

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Big Miracle fictionalizes the details in its telling of the 1988 effort by residents, the U.S. military and two global superpowers to rescue three whales trapped in Arctic ice. Drew Barrymore plays shrill activist Rachel Kramer, who often alienates the people she needs to win over. That includes her ex-boyfriend, Adam Carlson (John Krasinski), who is an ambitious small-time TV reporter. His reports bring Kramer and a horde of other media types, as well as local Inupiat hunters. The best characters are the whales, animatronic behemoths that look incredibly real. They're the centrepiece of this feel-good comic tale that works its way to an exciting conclusion. **PETER HOWELL**

Project X

Director. Nima Nourizadeh

Stars. Thomas Mann, Oliver Cooper

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Project X is actually a slag heap of similar films, spanning the booger-flicking expanse from Animal House to Superbad. The difference here is the way Project X so aggressively ups the ante for outrageous sex, drugs and property damage. The film reflects so poorly on American life and values, it could serve as an Al Qaeda training video. The setup is simple: shy Thomas is turning 17, and his best buds want to throw the mother of all parties at Tom's house. Mom and dad's place is trashed so badly you may have to watch the screen — horrified — through your fingers. **STEVE GOW**

Elijah Wood, right, and Jason Gann play man and man's best friend in quirky dark comedy Wilfred, returning for its second season on FX Canada.

Doggone Wilfred's back

This ain't ALF. Lead and co-creator discusses why the show works

MIKE DOJC
2forcouples.com

In Wilfred (FX Canada), Ryan, a sad sack lawyer (Elijah Wood), strikes up a peculiar friendship with his neighbor's pooch. He sees Wilfred as a foulmouthed Australian in a shaggy dog suit while everyone else sees him as a cuddly mutt.

With the second season premiering on Thursday, we tossed Jason Gann, series co-creator and the man in the costume, some meaty bones to chew on.

What's the most cockamamie theory you've read on a message board from Wilfred fans?

People will get on there and go what is going on, is he this, is he dead, what's going on? Inevitably, a bunch of fans who've been on there for awhile will jump on and say you've just got to enjoy it, don't overanalyze it, don't over-think it, just go with it. I think people were driven crazy by the season one finale.

Wilfred and Ryan seem like an old married couple. What would a couples' counsellor make of their relationship?

You've obviously been in the writers' room. Look, I think it's a really good romance between the two. I guess you'd call it a co-dependent relationship that is maybe not healthy.

Despite all the trouble Wilfred gets Ryan into, do you think Ryan is ultimately better off having him in his life?

Definitely, because he's living. Part of life is making mistakes and getting out there into society because that's where he really struggles and those are the things that make you stronger and really define and make you who you are.

But, put it this way, would you like a friend like Wilfred?

No. Quite simply put. Fans are telling me all the time, I want a Wilfred and I'm like do you really? I'm not sure you do, you might have fun watching someone else have a Wilfred but it would be pretty wild. Maybe I could deal with it if it was for half an hour a week.

Wilfred's owner, Jenna, manipulates Ryan almost as much as the dog does. Is he in "puppy" love with her?

Ryan has a lot of stakes in a girl who isn't giving him a lot back romantically or as a friend really. We have to assume that a lot of it has happened off-screen. But yeah, it would be puppy love because it isn't really grounded in a truthful relationship, and they haven't developed one yet.

Have you ever been as whipped as Ryan?

Maybe for a week. Look, I've been heavily in love with girls but, from an early age, I saw what happened to nice guys. So even if I wanted to be like that, even if everything in my body was telling me to do so, I've resisted because they don't respect it ... well, they do and they don't. That doesn't mean I don't treat women well in my life. I really do. I treat them like queens.

Really?? Never even been a little whipped?

What am I saying, one of my last girlfriends used to send me to the dry cleaner all the time. I'd also drive her to work in the morning and she'd inevitably forget something and I'd have to drive her back. But it wasn't because I was desperately in love; this somehow just happened.

As manipulative and deceptive as Wilfred can get, he still manages to be endearing and loveable. What's his secret?

Well I don't pat myself on the back too often but that, I have to say, is a Jason Gann thing. My friends have always said that's just you in a dog suit. I have forever gotten away with saying things and doing things that people just generally don't. I've heard all my life, 'Jason if anybody else did that I would have thought he's the most disgusting creep, but for some reason when you do it it's okay.' I kinda bring that naughty cherub element to the character and it's something that's worked for me personally so it's fun to play with in the character.

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Scene in brief

Jack Osbourne facing MS

New father Jack Osbourne is facing a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis. The former reality star and son of Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne revealed his health crisis in an interview with People, released Sunday. He told the magazine he was angry and frustrated when he found out, and he's concerned about his family. Osbourne and his fiancée Lisa Stelly had daughter Pearl in April. Multiple sclerosis attacks the brain and spinal cord, and can cause somewhat mild problems or serious disability, such as paralysis. Jack Osbourne gained fame as a teen when his heavy metal father and his mother allowed the family to be profiled in the MTV reality show The Osbournes.

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The Word

They say it's over, that it's over, but it's far from over

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What seemed to be a relatively minor bar fight between Chris Brown and Drake last week is still brewing. The Manhattan nightclub where the incident took place, W.i.P., has been closed down due to multiple code violations, according to the Associated Press.

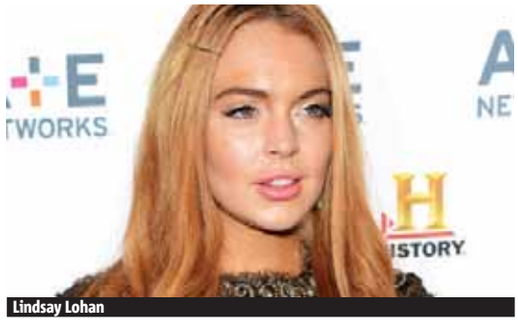
As for the fight itself, a source tells the Associated Press that the two hip-hop stars weren't even involved in the bottle-throwing brawl, claiming it was "entourage versus entourage, never Drake versus Chris," shooting down the theory that the two were fighting over Rihanna.

Rapper Meek Mill — who was at the club with Drake, and was initially identified as an instigator — also says the stars weren't involved. "Chris and Drake, them two was there, but it's other people that be around that take sh— to the next level," he tells MTV.com.

"Things just happen in the club. I seen girls in there throwing bottles. I never seen Chris Brown or Drake throw a bottle, and I was there."

While Brown has already talked to cops, Drake has declined to answer questions. "Why would he turn himself in when he did not commit any wrongdoing?" his rep told the New York Post in a statement on Sunday.

The only thing more annoying than a hip-hop fight is a never-ending non-hip-hop fight between entourages and publicists. This thing is one airborne bottle of Skinnygirl Margaritas away from being a Real Housewives episode.



Lindsay Lohan

Want to take a snooze under the strobe lights?

Lindsay Lohan must be able to bounce back quickly.

After being treated for exhaustion on Friday — brought on by her hectic filming schedule — the troubled actress was out Saturday night partying at the Chateau Marmont, according to Us Weekly.

"For someone so exhausted, it was shocking to see her out past 1 a.m.," a source says.

Lohan, who was reportedly still in hair and makeup from the Elizabeth Taylor biopic she's filming, stayed until hotel's restaurant cleared out for the night.

Twitter

@ActuallyNPH
Thanks so much for all of my B'day tweets! I had a spectacular day in Montreal w/ the delicious @ DavidBurtka. I'm liking this 39 stuff!

@BetteMidler
Assassins! Something has murdered two of my chickens, Khloe and Kourtney! It gnawed thru the chicken wire and pounced...poor dears. RIP.

@AlbertBrooks
I worry about Lindsay Lohan. And not just because I loaned her $1100.

@lindsaylohan
Note to self.. After working 85hours in 4days, and being up all night shooting, be very aware that you might pass out from exhaustion & 7 paramedics MIGHT show up @ your door.... Hopefully theyre cute. Otherwise it would be a real let down.

Kate peeps about her prince

Kate Middleton ALL PHOTOS GETTY

Kate Middleton is usually pretty tight-lipped about life married to Prince William, but she did open up to a group of inner-city youth during a visit to their outdoor learning centre, according to Us Weekly. "William is very sweet and kind of spoils me," Middleton told one of the children. Of course, seeing Middleton working so well with children begs the question of when she and William will start a family of their own, and royal sources say sooner rather than later.

"There's a window in place," a source says, explaining that the couple is hoping to get pregnant between September and next summer. "The pregnancy will be announced. It won't be hidden."

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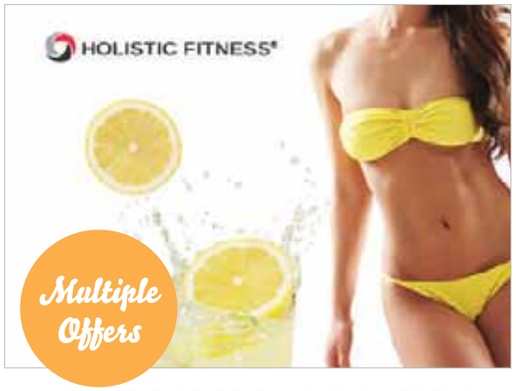

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Health minute

Cold virus holds promise as cancer therapy

Researchers have shown that a cold virus known to destroy cancer cells can be delivered to a tumour through the bloodstream without falling prey to killer antibodies on the way. In a study published Wednesday in the journal Science Translational Medicine, the researchers found the "reovirus" hitches a ride on blood cells and uses them as a shield against the immune-system cells. The reovirus holds promise as a possible new way of treating cancer.

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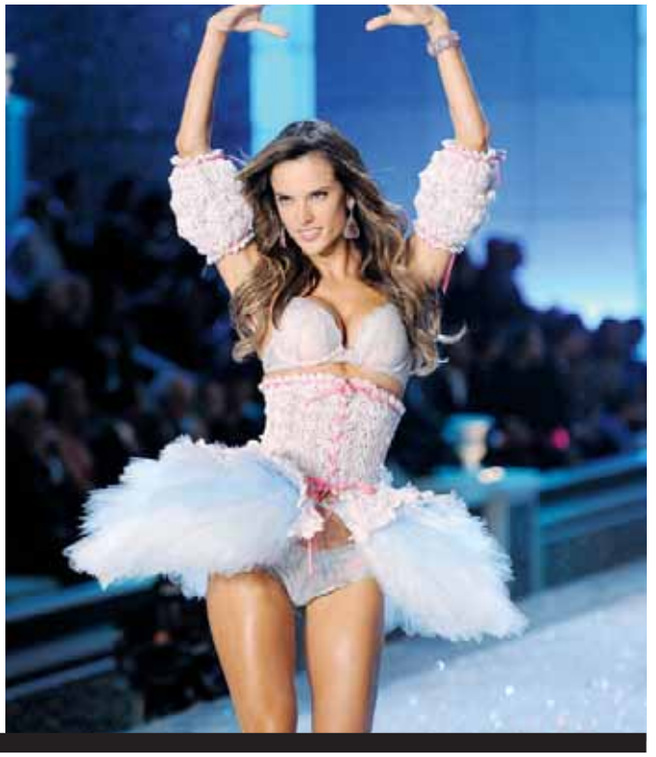
Deaths and costs to society are lower in areas with toughest motorcycle helmet laws



From baby bump to beach body, the transition isn't as hard as it used to be. METRO WORLD NEWS

How a Victoria's Secret angel got her body back

Sexy in summer. We speak to Leandro Carvalho, personal trainer to Victoria's Secret "angel" Alessandra Ambrosio

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Having a baby is a life changing moment — sometimes not always for the best.

The lack of sleep, dirty diapers and the fact you've turned into a milk-making machine can be overwhelming. And however much some women would love to get their pre-baby body back, most have no idea how, or when it's OK to start exercising again. Leandro Carvalho tells us how to achieve post-baby body perfection.

Post-delivery recovery

"Women who give birth naturally need to wait around four weeks before they can start exercising again. The recovery period goes up to six weeks if they've had a caesarian," Carvalho tells Metro.

A serious operation, a caesarian limits the type and amount of working out that can be done months after giving birth. In other words, it'll be a while before you can run, jump, cycle or do squats, lunges and sit-ups again.

But not all new moms can hope that newborn-related stress and breast-feeding alone will help them lose the baby weight. For that reason, Carvalho found a way to increase heart rate and trigger weight loss- with zero impact.

Here's how it goes:

By the numbers

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Personal trainer Leandro Carvalho recommends doing 30 minutes of intense cardio exercise three to four times a week if your aim is to change your body shape and lose weight.

Walk in incline

Start with the easiest exercise known to man: walking.

Carvalho advises you start off slow, maintaining a speed anywhere between two to 3.5 km/h on a five per cent incline (if on a treadmill). Never go faster than 4.0 km/h as this is basically running and no high impact exercise is allowed until at least two months after giving birth.

If your ultimate goal is to lose fat, you'll need to keep going for at least 30 minutes:.

"Ten minutes on the treadmill is a good warm up, 20 minutes is good for your health but if you want to burn fat, you need to go beyond the 25 minute mark. Up until that point, your energy comes from the glycogen stored in the muscles, but after 25 minutes, your body gets its energy by burning fat," he adds.

Once you've walked in incline for a minimum of 25 minutes you can move on to the floor exercises.

The safest strategy: add some weight

Your workout intensity is limited and you'll need to be patient if you want results. You can't jump or run around, so challenge your body by wearing ankle weights and weighted gloves during your workouts.

"Adding light two to eight pound ankle weights when doing leg lifts (such as a kneeling leg lift) or weighted gloves when doing arm movements will increase the intensity of a move," explains Carvalho.

Slowly building up your resistance and the number reps will tone and sculpt your body. Start with 20 to 30 reps for each move, eventually working your way up to 100.

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Ride Vij's Railway Express all the way to lunch nirvana

Lucknow Lamb Kebabs ($9). ERIN IRELAND

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Vikram Vij, owner and chef of one of the most beloved restaurants in the city, has launched a food truck in the heart of downtown. Could nearby lunchers be any luckier?

No directions are needed to locate the big blue truck called Vij's Railway Express. Just scan for a crowd near the restaurant's intersection. Dish recommendations aren't essential either — you can't go wrong.

"The Rice Puff and Chickpea Salad is one of the most unique dishes in the city," general manager Chris Carter told me as I stood waiting (briefly, despite the line) for the Lucknow Lamb Kebabs.

Spicy, slightly charred ground meat is cloaked snugly in house made chapati.

The Indian flatbread is mouthwateringly moist with sweet onion and intoxicating mint. Satisfyingly dense cassava fries, showered with an incredible seasoning, are extraordinary, too.

Each menu item represents a "station" along India's railway journey and only three of them are permanent. Have a moment with your aromatic Indian before diving in. The smell alone is more intoxicating than a perfumery.

Visiting the restaurant

Vij's Railway Express

Address. 1075 W. Georgia St.

Phone. 604-250-8377

Rating. 5/5

Price range. $

Reservations. No

Social lunch. Yes

Quick solo lunch. Yes

Salmon Dill Appetizer. Serve this fresh and light starter over lettuce leaves

1. In bowl, combine veggie dip with remaining ingredients and gently fold together.

2. To serve as an appetizer, arrange few lettuce leaves on plate and place mix in centre. Garnish with radishes, if desired. For first course, arrange salad greens on two plates and divide salmon mixture between them. Serve with pita chips, crackers or cucumbers.

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Ingredients

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) feta Greek yogurt veggie dip
- 250 g (8 oz) cooked salmon, skin removed and flaked
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped large portobello mushrooms, gills removed
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped fennel
- 2 chopped scallions
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers (optional)
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Lettuce leaves
- Radishes, sliced thin
- Toasted pita chips, crackers or thick slices of cucumber

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Family arguments can be tricky business

In a recent telephone conversation with an extended family member, there was a long drawn out discussion regarding a particular family event and what transpired during that event. We exchanged opinions, some of which caused disagreement on the perception of the event. In any case, voices were raised and then all of a sudden the line went dead. The other party hung up on me. I am now being asked to apologize for the things that I said and for my opinions, which apparently have caused "offence" to this person. I am not feeling the need to do so. How do I address this tactfully/diplomatically and or refuse to apologize?
Yours truly,
Ms. Diplomatic

Dear Ms. Diplomatic,

What a dilemma! I guess my first question for you is how strongly do you feel about this issue and subject? If it really doesn't mean very much to you, then I would personally just apologize and let the entire situation close.

However, if you do feel very strongly, here are your options for consideration:

1. Try calling and apologizing for the situation getting to where it is and try to finish the conversation, calmly explaining your point of view, but respecting theirs. It is OK for two people to agree to disagree.

2. Try sending an email or letter, again following the path above. However, I believe email leads to such a misinterpretation, so it's always easier to speak face to face.

3. Finally, as a last resort, go to a family member who is well respected by this other person and try to get them to help negotiate some peace between the two of you. Don't ask them to agree or plead your case, but just to try and get the two of you talking and to explain that it is OK for you both to have different opinions, but that fighting is really not the answer. Please do let us know how things turn out, best of luck!

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Thirty-four years old and living with the 'rents: Matthew McConaughey, centre, starred in Failure to Launch along with Kathy Bates, left, and Terry Bradshaw back in 2006. CONTRIBUTED

Boomerang kids back in the nest?

Young and broke. They have huge debts and can't find jobs — what to do when your children grow up and move back in

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An amusing comic strip recently showed a teenager asking his parents to lend (meaning give) him $20 so he could go out for a movie and pizza with his friends. His mother pointed out that he had a part-time job and savings in the bank. "But that's my money!" her son protested.

This seemingly innocent me-ness of the teenage years is spilling over into adulthood. One third of parents with a youngest child between 20 and 34 have at least one offspring living at home according to a 2011 Statistics Canada report. And one quarter of those enjoying Hotel Mom and Dad have left the nest only to return — the so-called boomerang kids.

It isn't surprising. After all, the Vanier Institute of the Family pegs the average debt for those with an undergraduate degree at around $18,000, but the Canadian Federation of Students believes it's more like $27,000.

Factor in the unemployment rate for the under-35 crowd, between 15 and 21 per cent, and there are a large number of young adults who have no financial choice but to live at home. In many cases, parents who are initially willing to help end up feeling put upon and resentful. Avoid this toxic situation by ensuring adult children at home contribute.

Above all, charge rent. I recommend a sliding scale based on income. First set a base rate no matter what your child is earning — $50 monthly is better than nothing.

Even if that means an engineering grad must take shifts at the mall or a fast food outlet, such financial obligations are the stuff of adulthood. (If your child is saving to go to school the rent can always be rebated later.)

Then peg future rent to a percentage of their earnings. A reasonable rule of thumb could be 20 to 25 per cent of gross income. Since most recent grads will have lots of tuition and education credits to carry forward, they are unlikely to pay much tax.

Also, be sure to spell out household duties such as cleaning, gardening, cooking and grocery shopping.

By all means help your kids get on their feet but treat them as adults at the same time.

Alison's money rule

"Helping out financially shouldn't mean a free ride for adult kids living at home."

How times change

- **Young adults with cash.** In 1985, 21 to 34-year-olds purchased 38% of all new cars; today it is only 27%.

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Food for thought

Organic power shopping never pays off

FUN AND FRUGAL
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Last week I was racing from a meeting with my lawyer to one with my banker, regarding my new home purchase. Between appointments, I decided to squeeze in a 'power shop' for groceries; in-and-out in less than eight minutes.

I filled my basket with a few days' worth of fresh organic foods and bolted to the checkout. The cashier rang in my $50 stash and that's when I discovered, in my haste, I'd left my wallet at my last appointment.

Full of apologies for the cashier and patrons waiting in line behind me, I started to leave the checkout counter. But, I was stopped by a nice guy from the lineup who insisted on paying for my groceries. I thanked him 10 times over, offered to pay him back (he refused), and his parting comments to me were "why do you buy organic? It's so expensive. I can get twice the amount of groceries for the same price." We all know the stats on organic foods; locally grown, fresh, greater nutrients because no artificial chemicals or additives are used in the growing and/or refining processes. Experts say these foods are better for our bodies and the environment. But, in many places, organic foods take up a significant chunk of a household's budget. Thus, many people opt for less healthy, inexpensive foods.

Coupon Cabin released a study last week about organic food purchasing behaviour. Nearly 75 per cent of respondents said they would buy organic if the price was more affordable. But, currently, less than half seek healthier food options because organics cost too much.

There are affordable ways to buy organic and eat healthy.

Plan ahead. Hasty purchases often result in bad deals. So, unlike my eight minute 'power shop', take time to plan out your organic purchases to ensure you don't buy items you don't need and avoid paying too much for the ones you do.

Buy less more often. Fresh organic produce provides its greatest flavour and nutritional benefits when consumed quickly. Buying fewer in-season produce items more often saves money as less food going rotten. If you're concerned about your carbon footprint each time you drive to the grocery store, stop driving and walk, run, bike, or take public transit.

Coupon. Clip organic food coupons or search for them online. Coupons exist for almost any item. The key with couponing is to avoid going overboard – buying more than you need for the sake of a deal.

Bulk-buy non-perishables. Take advantage of sales for non-perishables and items that can be frozen until you're ready to consume.

Buy local. Not only will this help support local growers and businesses, in many circumstances, produce can be significantly less than at a traditional big-box grocer. Great organic healthy fresh foods are available at your local farmers' market or grocery co-op.

Test your green thumb. If you've got access to natural sunlight and have a yard or balcony, try growing your own herbs, fruits and veggies. Seed packs only cost a few dollars.

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GOING WITH THE FLOW

AN ELEGANT TWIST TO THE SEASON

By Deborah Fulsang

Do as the French do: Embrace the high-style je ne sais quoi of a scarf this season.

Wrap your hair, circle your neck or create your own sexy halter top — it's all so elegant and easy.

HEAD SCARF

Let Grace Kelly be your guide. Wrap a scarf around your head or ponytail for a pretty, polished effect. *Echo Design African striped polyester scarf, $50, thebay.com. Gap racer-back cotton tank top, $24, gapcanada.ca.*

HALTER

Transform a gorgeous square scarf into a super-chic top with two simple knots. *Juma graffiti-print silk scarf, $200, jumastudio.com. Joe Fresh cotton pants, $39, and braided leather belt, $16, joefresh.com.*

COSY WRAP

Choose colour and pattern — or both — and jazz up a lightweight cardigan or tee with a vibrant, oversized scarf. *Tilo linen-blend print scarf, $150, reiastudio.com.*

Scarves, counter-clockwise, from top, Jessica ombre chiffon scarf, $10, sears.ca, Hermès Mosaic H silk carré scarf, $420, at Hermès boutiques, hermes.com, Hermès cliquetis silk carré scarf, $420, at Hermès boutiques, hermes.com, Virginia Johnson merino wool scarf, $195, virginiajohnson.com.

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Tennis

On-court outburst costs Nalbandian

David Nalbandian was fined the maximum $12,560 US and placed under police investigation for assault after kicking an advertising board and injuring a line judge during the Queen's Club final.

The ATP confirmed the fine for unsportsmanlike conduct on Monday and said the Argentine player also was stripped of his 36,500 pounds ($57,350) in prize money.

London police said they were investigating a complaint of assault filed against Nalbandian, who was defaulted from Sunday's match against Marin Cilic in the grass-court Wimbledon warm-up event.

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David Nalbandian in London on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rankings

Mayweather still 'Money' while in the slammer

The world's highest-paid athlete is in jail.

Forbes has released its list of the 100 highest-paid athletes, and boxer Floyd (Money) Mayweather Jr. is No. 1. Mayweather, who made $85 million US for two fights last year, is currently serving a three-month jail sentence in Las Vegas for domestic battery.

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Roger Clemens talks to members of the news media after his acquittal on Monday in Washington, D.C. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Clemens acquitted after 'a hard five years'

MLB. Jury finds seven-time Cy Young winner didn't lie to U.S. Congress in 2008

Quoted

"The jury has spoken in this matter, and we thank them for their service. We respect the judicial process and the jury's verdict."

A written statement from the U.S. Attorney's Office after Clemens' acquittal.

Roger Clemens was acquitted Monday on all charges that he obstructed and lied to Congress in denying he used performance-enhancing drugs to build his career as one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history.

"I'm very thankful," Clemens said, choking up as he spoke after the verdict.

"It's been a hard five years," said the pitcher, who was retried after an earlier prosecution ended in a mistrial.

This trial was lengthy, but the deliberations were relatively brief. Jurors returned their verdict after close to 10 hours over several days. The outcome ended a 10-week trial that capped the U.S. government's investigation of the pitcher.

Emotional hugs among Clemens and family members followed the verdict, including one large group hug in the courtroom. At one point, wife Debbie Clemens dabbed his eyes with a tissue.

Outside, at one point, Clemens stopped to compose himself.

Accused of cheating to achieve and extend his success — and then facing felony charges that he lied about it — he declared, "I put a lot of hard work into that career."

He said he appreciated "my teammates who came in and the emails and phone calls" of support. With his four sons standing behind him, Clemens thanked his lawyers, his family, his sisters and his wife.

His chief lawyer, Rusty Hardin, walked up to a bank of microphones and exclaimed: "Wow!"

Hardin said Clemens had to hustle to get to court in time to hear the verdict. "All of us had told Roger there wouldn't be a verdict for two, three or four days, so he was actually working out with his sons almost at the Washington Monument when he got the call that there was a verdict."

Clemens, 49, was charged with two counts of perjury, three counts of making false statements and one count of obstructing Congress when he testified at a deposition and at a nationally televised hearing in February 2008. The charges centred on his repeated denials that he used steroids and human growth hormone during a 24-year career that produced 354 wins.

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Robson ready for Whitecaps challenge

Veteran soccer star Barry Robson knows the North American game brings some different challenges. The Scottish midfielder is looking forward to tackling them.

He began another chapter in his storied career Monday by joining the Vancouver Whitecaps. The 33-year-old was formally introduced by the MLS club at a news conference at B.C. Place.

Robson said he believes he'll be up for the challenge of excelling in MLS, which incorporates systems and playing philosophies from around the world.

"I've played a lot in Europe — Champions League, UEFA Cup, a bit more international — so I know what it's about," said Robson. "I know the different cultures, different styles. This is going to be a totally different one again that I'm going to have to learn and adapt to."

Quoted

"I'm here to do a job, and I'm here to help the team win their cup."

Barry Robson

Robson was signed by the Whitecaps in the off-season but had to wait until he completed his contract with Middlesbrough of the English Premier League.

He has started training with the Whitecaps but can't officially join the roster until an international transfer window opens June 27. He will be eligible for selection in his first game July 4 in Colorado against the Rapids and can suit up for his first home contest July 18 against Dallas.

Robson played for Scotland in the 2008 World Cup and has also starred for Glasgow Celtic and Dundee United. The Whitecaps signed him after new coach Martin Rennie scouted him extensively in the winter.

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Barry Robson celebrates after scoring a goal for Middlesbrough in March. BRYN LENNON/GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

NFL

"It wasn't because I didn't want to play anymore. It was simply time to move on."

Running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who signed a one-day contract with the San Diego Chargers on Monday and then announced his retirement. Tomlinson rushed for 13,684 yards, fifth all-time, and scored 162 touchdowns, third-most ever. His 145 rushing touchdowns are second-most in history. He ended his brilliant 11-year NFL career the same way he started it — with the Chargers.

"I was a part of greatness. And it was awesome to be a part of it. It was awesome to watch. I mean, I had the best seat in the house. It was a fun time."

Retired offensive lineman, and former teammate of LaDainian Tomlinson, Kris Dielman.

On the web

The New Orleans Hornets appear serious about pairing another big man with consensus top draft choice Anthony Davis. New Orleans hosted six-foot-11 Baylor forward Perry Jones III and six-foot-nine Ohio State forward Jared Sullinger for pre-draft workouts on Monday. Scan the code for the story.

Mario Balotelli of Italy scores against Ireland on Monday in Poznan, Poland. CLAUDIO VILLA/GETTY IMAGES

Group favourites Spain, Italy move on

Euro 2012. Nations into quarter-finals to play either Ukraine, England or France

Spain and Italy confirmed their heavyweight reputations at the European Championship on Monday, advancing to the quarter-finals after winning their final group matches.

Defending champion Spain sealed top spot in Group C by beating Croatia 1-0 with a late goal by substitute Jesus Navas. Balotelli came off the bench to score Italy's second goal in a 2-0 victory against Ireland, lifting the Azzurri above Croatia in the standings. Antonio Cassano had opened the scoring for the Italians.

The victories for Spain and Italy will send them from their Poland-based group to quarter-finals in Ukraine against either the co-host, England or France.

Spain will play on Saturday in Donetsk, and Italy goes to Kyiv on Sunday.

Elaborate Spanish possession play failed to create many scoring chances in Gdansk, despite the World Cup winners knowing a 1-0 loss would mean a ticket home.

Iker Casillas, the goalkeeper and captain, saved Spain with a double stop from Croatia's Ivan Rakitic in the 59th minute, then parried Ivan Perisic's low volley in the 79th.

Spain's passage was confirmed when Navas, who replaced Fernando Torres, struck in the 88th, tapping into an empty net from a pass by Andres Iniesta after the pair had broken the offside trap.

Italy knew that a 2-0 win would not be enough in Poznan if Spain and Croatia drew 1-1.

Cassano continued his impressive recovery from minor heart surgery in midseason to score with a header from a 35th-minute corner, glancing in a header at the near post that had too much pace on it for goalkeeper Shay Given to keep out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain's Sergio Busquets tackles Croatia's Luka Modric on Monday in Gdansk, Poland. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racism

Croatia faces UEFA discipline

Croatia's football body faces punishment on Tuesday after anti-racism experts appointed by UEFA reported that the team's fans made monkey noises at Italy's Mario Balotelli, who is black.

Croat fans throwing fireworks also delayed two matches in Poland, while others burned a European Union flag and paraded posters of a convicted war criminal in Poznan city centre.

"I am not happy with the Croatian people," said UEFA president Michel Platini. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Euro 2012. England keeps its confidence in check

While England's European Championship expectations are rising, the unexpected early departures of the Netherlands and Russia have been enough to dampen any overconfidence for coach Roy Hodgson.

The Dutch followed their World Cup final appearance two years ago by losing all three Euro 2012 group stage matches. And Russia was ousted after losing to Greece on Saturday.

While England entered Euro 2012 at a low ebb, a draw against France and a victory over Sweden have given renewed belief about the team's prospects. Only a draw is needed against co-host Ukraine in the final match in Group D on Tuesday to reach the quarter-finals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roy Hodgson on Monday in Donetsk, Ukraine. GETTY IMAGES

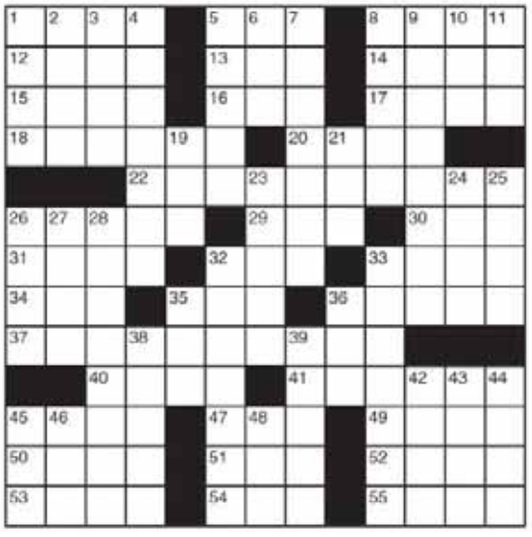
Crossword

Across

1 Drunkards
5 Intention
8 Prayer closer
12 Milne character
13 Detergent brand
14 Encrust
15 Pound of poetry
16 Pouch
17 Secondhand
18 Oddball
20 Picnic invaders
22 Runts
26 Trite
29 Bit of wordplay
30 Ruby or emerald
31 — and the Tramp
32 Chart format
33 List of options
34 Goose, in Guadalajara
35 Corpulent
36 Surroundings
37 Classroom surprises
40 Swivel
41 Of a people
45 Met melody
47 Bath site
49 My Name Is —
50 Van. counterpart
51 Drop the ball
52 Largest of the seven
53 Gridlock sound
54 CSI evidence
55 Grate

Down

1 Gush forth
2 Creep through the cracks
3 Actress Spelling
4 With keenness
5 Man of morals?
6 Playwright Levin
7 Rhesus monkey
8 Less than 90 degrees
9 Rubbed the right way?
10 — out a living
11 Homer Simpson's neighbour
19 Conk out
21 Sister
23 Stocky, heavy-coated dog
24 Griffey Sr. and Jr.
25 Dirty matter
26 Feed the hogs
27 Mexican entree
28 Certain adjustment
32 Made like Manet
33 Get the sound wrong
35 Bear hair
36 Ran into
38 Charlatan
39 Marty in Madagascar is one
42 Houston acronym
43 Rainbow
44 Applaud
45 Interlaken interjection
46 Pi follower
48 Ode subject



Sudoku

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	6			9		8		7
3		5		4			1	
		6	2		5			8
	8		1					4
	3					2	5	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

XH WFJ'IB NJGZ NFIB QYBBCW AZRS RTT FAZBI GFNYBAXAFIQ. FSB GFJTC QRW WFJ'IB HRQATW QJYBIXFI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CROPLAND IS CHOCK-FULL OF SNAKES. I SUPPOSE YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S FARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals R

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You are not the sort to compromise your beliefs and opinions and that's good because you will be challenged in some way today.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Focus on relationships today and don't worry that you might miss out on a money-making opportunity.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. If there is something about your everyday existence that you would like to change then now is the time to do something about it.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You seem to be more curious than usual about your place in the universe. Don't be scared of asking difficult questions: the answers you get will be hugely enlightening, and maybe more than a little bit profitable too.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Don't back out of a promise today. If you let even one person down your reputation will suffer.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. No matter how many times you have clashed with someone in the past they will be on your side today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will become aware today that someone has been keeping things from you, but don't get upset or annoyed about it.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Something that never made much sense before will start to make sense today. A lot of questions that did not seem to have answers will somehow resolve themselves and you'll marvel at just how simple it all is.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. There is an art to saying unpleasant things while making them sound reasonable, even helpful, and if you master that art today you will get a lot of things done

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Be kind to yourself for a change: do something fun and relaxing.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You are right and those who disagree with you are wrong. That's the attitude you will adopt today and in getting things done it will take you far.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You won't see eye-to-eye with someone you work or do business with today but you don't have to go to war about it.

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